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Argentina*, Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada*, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark*, Finland, Israel*, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal*, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden*, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania*, and Venezuela: draft resolution

Mainstreaming women's human rights

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Welcoming the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, 1/ which emphasized that the human rights of women and the girl child are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights and stressed that these rights should be integrated into the mainstream of United Nations system-wide activities,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 48/108 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly requested the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the implications of the World Conference on Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the Conference for its central role in matters related to women's rights within the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994,

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* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights, 2/

Recalling that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 3/ is a key international human rights instrument for the promotion and protection of women's human rights, and acknowledging both its codifying and innovating functions,

Noting the important roles that the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women have to play in making the general human rights work of the United Nations more gender conscious and in promoting the universal and indivisible human rights of women,

Welcoming the adoption by the General Assembly of the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, 4/ as well as the resolution adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session on integrating the rights of women into the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, 5/ in which the Commission on Human Rights decided to appoint, for a three-year period, a Special Rapporteur on violence against women, including its causes and its consequences;

1. Stresses the importance of cooperation and coordination between the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Human Rights to ensure that the United Nations human rights mechanisms address on a regular basis violations of women's human rights and that the Commission on the Stats of Women regularly takes stock of that integration process while carrying out its central role of monitoring activities relating to the status of women;

2. Emphasizes the need to develop and enhance the role of focal points on women's human rights, both in the Centre for Human Rights and in the Division for the Advancement of Women, and to ensure cooperation and coordination between the two bodies on an ongoing basis;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to see to the preparation of a joint workplan on women's human rights for the Centre for Human Rights and the Division for the Advancement of Women on an annual basis and to inform both the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women at their annual sessions, beginning in 1995, of these plans; and to promote the mutual availability of documentation, as well as the development of a public information strategy;

2/ E/CN.6/1994/11.

3/ General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

4/ General Assembly resolution 48/104.

5/ E/CN.4/1994/L.8/Rev.1.

4. Encourages the Centre for Human Rights and the Division for the Advancement of Women to explore the possibilities of organizing training in women's human rights, inter alia, by exchange of personnel, so that human rights officers can be trained in women's rights issues and the personnel in the Division for the Advancement of Women can be trained in general human rights matters;

5. Encourages the Centre for Human Rights to explore the possibility of convening an expert group meeting to develop specific guidelines for identifying documenting and reporting on gender-based human rights violations and ways in which to effectively integrate these questions into the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations;

6. Recommends that the meeting of chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies consider on a regular basis at their biennial sessions the issue of mainstreaming women's human rights, with a view to promoting coordination and cooperation between the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the other treaty bodies, especially in the field of information exchange and coordination of their reporting guidelines;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to give special emphasis to financial and institutional arrangements in his report to the Fourth World Conference on Women, requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 31 of its resolution 48/108, on the extent to which gender concerns have been included in the relevant human rights mechanisms;

8. Decides to remain seized of this matter and, in particular, to examine at its thirty-ninth session the progress made and the plans developed.